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I don't know what happened. I cannot give you any indepth report late this afternoon. I'm unaware of what happened, Senator DeCamp. I do know that I was informed that this amendment was going to be attached, and that it did come from the Department of Revenue, which supposedly would remedy their problem in the bingo area. Now that's the best of my knowledge to this point.

I'm not sure if I can voice my own opinion at this time. In as much as the Chair has recognized me I do raise this question--if, until this point, we have been able to operate under the statutes that we have I cannot understand for the life of me how the killing of this bill and the... with no effort to change our statutes as they are is going to wreck things. It's beyond my comprehension. Now that's my own, personal feeling and an explanation as far as I know of the bingo thing at this point, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body. I'm going to make a suggestion and that is that we advance this bill to E & R initial today. By the time it gets to Select File the research necessary, to find out just what the story is on bingo, can be done and we will be ready to do whatever is necessary to save bingo for the State of Nebraska.

I would suggest, for example, that we just advance the bill to E & R initial. Let anyone get in on the research that is necessary that we do it with the Internal Revenue Code or the state codes of Nebraska and find out just where we are so when it gets to Select File we can make the proper amendments and take care of the problem.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I move we take everything out of the bill except "bingo".

PRESIDENT: That's out of order. That's out of order. We have to dispose of the motion to kill. That's the only thing you can reconsider.

SENATOR SYAS: Alright then let me talk on the kill. All I want out of this bill is the bingo bill. I don't want any of the rest of the stuff in it.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Syas, we ... before you can amend anything you have to dispose of this motion because that's what we're reconsidering. You voted to reconsider. Senator Chambers has got his motion to kill up here right now. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I will not be long. Senator Carsten pointed out that he can't see where the killing of this bill is going to ruin anything in bingo. Senator DeCamp even said in his presentation that the Department said that if there are problems they can still manage to make it. So if all of these areas are problems the best thing to do would be to let them go ahead and make it a year. Then if bingo is